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BEGIN SUMMARY: IN COURTESY CALL ON UN UNDER SECRETARY
GENERAL ROBERTO E. GUYER JULY 16, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
POPPER AND AMBASSADOR BENNETT (USUN) STATED USG WOULD BE
PREPARING IDEAS FOR UN SECRETARIAT ON UNFICYP REDUCTION
SHORTLY. GUYER THOUGHT SHARP REDUCTION TO SMALL
OBSERVER FORCE MIGHT UNDERCUT PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTIVENESS
OF UNFICYP BUT AGREED SUGGESTION OF OBSERVERS PLUS SMALL
(ENTRAL RESERVE WAS ONE ALTERNATIVE WORTH STUDY. SAID
SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM INTENDED TO SEEK REALLY
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MEANINGFUL UNSC ACTION ON UNFICYP IN DECEMBER, IN

CONTRAST TO RECENT RITUALISTIC RENEWALS OF MANDATE. END SUMMARY.

IN TALK WITH GUYER AT UN, ASST. SEC. POPPER NOTED USG MAINTAINED ITS INTEREST IN REDUCING SIZE AND COST OF UNFICYP FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL REASONS. GUYER SAID HE HOPED USG WOULD GIVE SECRETARIAT ITS BEST IDEAS ON SPECIFICS OF REDUCTION. SYG HAD BEEN IMPRESSED WHEN IN SCANDINAVIA WITH DELICACY THIS ISSUE IN NORDIC COUNTRIES.

THEY MAINTAINED THEY COULD NOT MAKE FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN INDIVIDUAL CONTINGENTS, NOR COULD THEY COMBINE OR ROTATE SCANDINAVIAN CONTINGENTS. ON ITS PART, THE UN COULD NOT RISK WITHDRAWAL OF SCANDINAVIANS, LEAVING WHAT WOULD BE IN EFFECT A U.K.-CANADIAN FORCE. UN WAS THUS PRESENTED WITH SOMETHING OF A DILEMMA. IN PARTICULAR, WITHOUT SOME MEASURE OF DECONFRONTATION GUYER DID NOT SEE HOW UN COULD COUNTENANCE MAJOR REDUCTIONS.

WE ASSURED GUYER THE U.S. WOULD BE COMING FORTH WITH SOME IDEAS SHORTLY (HAVING IN MIND POINTS MADE REFTEL, WHICH WE WILL REFINE SOMEWHAT BUT WHICH COULD NOT APPROPRIATELY BE USED IN WHAT WAS ESSENTIALLY COURTESY CALL). SAID WE THOUGHT THAT SCANDINAVIANS AS GOOD INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS WOULD NOT WITHDRAW PRECIPITOUSLY, AND THAT WE BELIEVED SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH THEM IF EFFORT COULD BE INITIATED SHORTLY. WE FELT FORCE COULD BE MATERIALLY REDUCED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, QUITE APART FROM DECONFRONTATION MEASURES WHICH TURKISH SIDE HAD CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO ENVISAGE.

GUYER EXPRESSED ANXIETY ABOUT EFFECT OF CUTTING FORCE BY 25, 50 OR 75 PERCENT AS AMBASSADOR SCALI HAD SUGGESTED IN JUNE UNSC MEETING. HE THOUGHT IT WAS ONE THING IF LORRY FULL OF UN FORCES CARRYING RIFLES DROVE UP TO SCENE OF INCIDENT SHORTLY AFTER IT OCCURRED, EVEN IF IT WAS KNOWN THAT UN SOLDIERS WOULD NOT FIRE; IT WAS QUITE ANOTHER

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THING IF ONLY TWO MAJORS IN A JEEP APPEARED. POPPER SUGGESTED THAT IF THIS WERE THE PROBLEM, IT COULD BE OVERCOME. CYPRUS WAS A SMALL ISLAND AND TROOPS FROM A SMALL CENTRAL RESERVE COULD BE MOUNTED ON A LORRY AND ARRIVE AT ANY POINT ON THE ISLAND IN TWO OR THREE HOURS--LESS IF ITS COMPONENTS WERE POSTED AT TWO OR THREE SEPARATE LOCALITIES. REAL SAVINGS WOULD OCCUR BY CUTTING OUT BULK OF FIXED OBSERVER POSITIONS WHICH ABSORBED SO MUCH MANPOWER.

GUYER SAID IDEA OF A MIXED OBSERVER AND RESERVE FORCE HAD NOT OCCURRED TO HIM AND THAT PERHAPS IT OFFERED POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM HE FORESAW WITH QUICK CONVERSION TO PURE OBSERVER GROUP.

GUYER SAID SYG WALDHEIM INTENDED TO MAKE A SERIOUS TRY FOR ACTION ON UNFICYP AT DECEMBER UNSC MEETING. RECENT SC SESSIONS' RENEWAL OF MANDATE HAD HAD LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS PRESENT PRACTICE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION, AVOIDING TROUBLE BY EXACT REPETITION OF PREVIOUS LANGUAGE, AND ONLY AFTERWARD TO HAVE DEBE. HE WAS HOPEFUL SOLID PROPOSALS COULD BE PUT TO SC BY DECEMBER. HOPED PROGRESS COULD BE MADE WHEN GENERAL PREM CHAND CAME TO NEW YORK IN AUGUST.

DURING CONVERSATION GUR REMARKED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT TCPA LEADER DASH MIGHT BE CHANGING HIS VIEWS ON DECONFRONTATION. SAID THERE WAS EVIDENCE DENTASH MIGHT NOW FAVOR DENFRONTATION MOVES IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY

CUTTING DOWN TMT FIR FORCE, USING MONEY NOW DEVOTED TO ITS MAINTENANCE FOR MORE DIRECT ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO TURKISH-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. POPPER EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM ABOUT THIS AND GUYER AGREED IT WAS A SHIFT BUT SAID IT WAS SO FAR ONLY A PERSONAL MATTER SINCE HE HAD FEELING TURKISH MILITARY WOULD NOT AGREE. ASKED US TO BE SURE NOT TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT OUTSIDE AMERICAN CIRCLES; HENCE PROTECT. RUSH

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